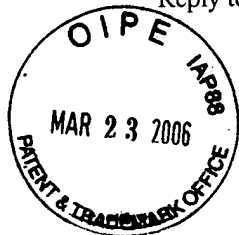


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2005, please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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